

Thank you for your email to Madeleine regarding a request for interpretation of the Optimist Class Rules. We have discussed your request with the Technical Committee of the Class Association and we agree that there is no need for an interpretation in this case, as rule 3.1.1 clearly applies. This is copied below for your information:

### **3.1 General**

3.1.1 All boats shall be built according to the Class Rules (see also CR 2.1.3). The dimensions and shape of the hull shall be as shown on the plans and as given in these rules, diagrams and measurement forms and shall conform with the tolerances stated therein. Materials shall be as specified in these Class Rules except that titanium, carbon fibre or other exotic materials are prohibited.

It is the last sentence of this rule that is particularly applicable in this case, stating that carbon fibre is specifically prohibited and so the answer to both questions raised in the request for interpretation would be: No, they do not comply with the Optimist Class Rules.

If you require any further information on this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Rob.



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